

Wenham's War Memorial Committee Wants Your Help

(April 23, 2012, Wenham, MA) The Wenham War Memorial Committee needs help in verifying the names of veterans to be inscribed on the memorial which is to be erected at the corner of Main and Arbor streets. The Committee wants local residents to review a list it has compiled, and correct names believed to be in error and suggest names that should be added.

Committee Chair, Peter Hersee says, "Many sources have been used to develop the current list of World War 2 veterans; however, its review by family members and friends would be very helpful in making the list complete and accurate.

"Also, the Committee will be adding the names of veterans from World War I, and the conflicts in Korea and Vietnam.

"In his 1879 oration at the Civil War Monument, in the center of Wenham, Rev. Isaac F. Porter said, 'Tenderly we remember them and honor them, not simply because of the service they helped render for us and for mankind, but because of what it cost them.' It is imperative that all the names of veterans be upon this new monument, for these very same reasons."

The list, which is in alphabetical order, is available at www.wenhamma.gov; and www.hamilton-wenhampatch.com, and at the Wenham Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office. The initial list has over four hundred veteran names.

There are two criteria to determine eligibility for inclusion:

- 1) Honorable service during the periods of war, including World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam, and
- 2) Veteran who lived in Wenham at the time of enlistment or when drafted.

The Committee asks that people review the list and make sure that the names, spellings etc. are correct. Also, requests that other possibly eligible veterans be suggested for addition.

Please direct any information, questions or comments to the :

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